

Application No.: 09/741,684

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 and 13-18 were cancelled.

Claims 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Albrecht et al., U.S.

Patent No. 5,821,494 (hereinafter "Albrecht"). Claims 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

as being anticipated by Ainslie et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,761,699 (hereinafter "Ainslie"). Claim

12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Albrecht. Claim 12 is rejected

under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ainslie. In this Amendment, claim 7 is

amended and new claims 19-30 are added.

It is believed that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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